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Comment : To whom it may concern:

I am writing to comment on our local Low Power FM station, WPVM, in Asheville, North Carolina. I love listening to WPVM but currently I live north of Asheville, in Weaverville, and I can't get the signal for WPVM in my area even though it is only 20 minutes outside of the city. In Asheville itself even, I have trouble sometimes receiving the signal. I would really appreciate all that you could do to help WPVM expand its signal and listening area. Their programs are truly unique and local, and I enjoy their programming.

One problem that you can help with is the issue we have with a non-local, Knoxville station interfering with the WPVM signal, since they broadcast on the same frequency, 103.5. This is very problematic (often it interrupts when I'm driving and listening to WPVM). My understanding is that you could help solve this problem with contour protection. Please give WPVM permission to use this contour protection measure here in our mountains.

I also ask that you allow WPVM and other local Low Power FM stations to own their own translators, and that you get rid of "third adjacent channel" spacing. Both of these actions will also help with our signal problem.

Thank you so much for your efforts in supporting local Low Power FM stations, and for your current project that is working to increase the number of LPFM stations on the air and strengthen the viability of those stations that are already operating. I am glad that the FCC has made this shift towards helping local low power stations to stay on the air

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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